



# December/January Newsletter – Wallace Elementary PTO



## A Message from the Wallace PTO President: Staci Randall, 2017-2018

Have you ever walked into your child's classroom at Meet the Teacher and thought "This teacher looks like he/she just got out of college. Is he or she even ready to teach"? We are lucky here in the Johnston School District because we hire qualified teachers that ARE ready to teach our kids at the level of competency that we expect when we choose to live in this district. I have had several "new" teachers over the years with my own kids and they turned out to exceed my first impressions.

Teachers today have much higher job requirements than they did 30 or 40 years ago. Back then, they taught a class of 30 students the same material. Some students were slowly left behind as they didn't fully understand the lessons. Others were bored and unchallenged. Today our teachers are not only teaching a room full of students, but they are constantly evaluating them to decide who needs extra help and who can work on their own with more challenging problems. They are committed to teaching our developing kids AND completing all the other assessments that need to be done at the same time.

Take the time to send a holiday note to your child's teacher or have your student write out a card to thank them for their decision to become a teacher. It is not an easy job and we are truly blessed that these men and women have committed themselves to doing everything they can for our children and their early education.

Enjoy your winter break and be safe!



## MEMBERSHIP

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## FRIENDS OF WALLACE

Did you know that there is a year-round way that you can support our PTO?

Simply make a tax-deductible donation to the Friends of Wallace program. You can send a check or cash to school (made out to Wallace PTO). Please place it in an envelope marked "PTO - Friends of Wallace". Include your name and email address, and we will send you a tax receipt.

The following individuals have made monetary contributions to the Wallace PTO : *Bridget Anderson; Shane and Jennifer Cook; Martin Glynn; Joshua and Tina Ridgely; James and Anne Risewick; Nathan and Shannon Strickler; Geoffrey and Carolyn Wall*

All contributions are tax deductible and 100 percent of the money benefits our PTO and our school. Thank you for your support!

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President: Staci Randall  
Vice President: Renea Barker  
Secretary: Lindsey Robertson  
Treasurer: Barbara Remer





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## Upcoming Events:

### December 21:

Makers Day & Winter Celebrations

### Winter Break -

No School  
Dec. 22-Jan. 2



### January 9th:

Wallace PTO meeting at Wallace Library, 6:45pm

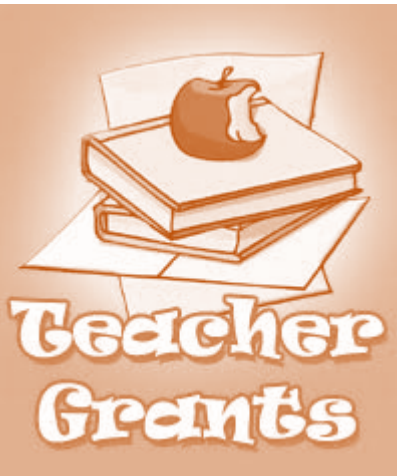
### January 15th:

No School

### February 9th:

Ice Skating Event at Metro Ice, 7-9pm  
\$5/skater, families welcome to skate

## Teacher Grants



The PTO met in November to review Classroom Grant Requests made by the Wallace teaching staff. The following grants were approved:

- \$513 to Mrs. Tegels for Osmo bases for each classroom
- \$174 to Mrs. Mulholland for book storage pouches for individuals' level reading books
- \$28 to Mrs. Schmidt for a portable CD player for the nurse's office
- \$173 to Mrs. Morris for additional sets of magnetic boards and letter tiles
- \$781 to Mrs. Aanonson and Mrs. Stoa for extra musical instruments to equip the second music room
- \$100 to Ms. Rice for an Osmo Genius accessory kit
- \$872 to Mrs. Aanonson for rolling stands to store and move xylophones
- \$300 to help fund Johnston Strong shirts for all district staff

## Miscellaneous:



Each winter, the Wallace PTO donates \$50 to each teacher at Wallace to spend on classroom needs. They are free to spend that money on anything from books to Clorox wipes, board games or classroom incentives.

This is just a reminder that Box Top collections will begin again in **February**. Don't forget to collect Box Tops over the next couple months. Box Tops are each worth 10 cents and quickly add up as valuable funds for our school.

Clip and collect Box Tops from your favorite participating products and **turn them into your teachers by February**. Earn even MORE with the **Box Tops for Education Bonus App**. It's free and easy. BUY, SCAN, EARN!  
Until Dec 31<sup>st</sup> you can earn 100 Box Tops for our school by purchasing 5 Lysol products. Download the app for more information!

